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Feb. 8, 1945 - Jan. 9, 1947

SIG: HQ USAF FOR AFMIL.

Subject: Disbanded Units - Army.

To: C.O. 11th P.B. 4.4. Co. Station

From: HQ AFMIL

2/15/79 9/ Jan 1979

POSTAL DISBANDMENT,
C/O APO 3.455, AFM.

1. With reference to AFMIL letter 10776/AFMIL Serial 5098, dated 10/10/78, notifying the Disbanded Unit of your unit, your attention is directed to GAO 683/43 dated 17 Dec 43, as amended by GAO 1312/45 dated 7 Dec 45, and GAO 808/46 dated 23 Dec 46, which indicates the action to be taken by you in connection with the disposal of correspondence addressed to personnel now serving with your unit, and which may come to hand in the British Army Postal Service after your unit has been disbanded. A copy of the GAO as amended is connected for ready reference.

2. Redirection section is attached to the British Army PO to meet the requirements of the GAO. In order that it may function to the best advantage to all concerned, compliance with the GAO and with the following points not specifically covered therein is essential:-

(a) The nominal rolls and, where appropriate, the unit representative, should be despatched in time to reach the British Army PO Villages at least two clear days before the date of disbandment. Unless this is done continuity of postal services cannot be provided. If the future addresses are not all known when the nominal rolls are despatched, supplementary details can be sent later by post. The Postal Address Redirection Card, IP 120420, should not be used for this purpose.

(b) In addition to the particulars of personnel serving with the unit at the date of disbandment the nominal rolls should include full particulars with new addresses of all personnel who left the unit within the previous month. This should include personnel returning to U.K. together with their addresses there. If the address in U.K. is unknown the indicator "returned UK release" or "returned UK release" etc., should appear.

(c) It will be seen that the GAO requires the Post Orderly to be attached to 15 Base PO for a period not exceeding six weeks. The selection for this duty of an individual with less than six weeks to serve within the Command will produce speedy and accurate redirection of the unit mail. You are requested, therefore, to ensure that the representative despatched to 15 Base PO is not due for Python or Baling within six weeks and is not under consideration for commensurate posting etc.

(d) It is not intended to continue redirection beyond two months from the date of disbandment and it is, therefore, imperative that you ensure that all return to the unit in accordance with para. 4 of the GAO. At the expiry of two months any correspondence still received for the old address will be returned to the senders.

3. Should the major portion of your unit be re-posted to another unit in the

1. Disposal of correspondence addressed to personnel now serving with your unit, and which may come to hand in the British Army Postal Service after your unit has been disbanded. A copy of the GPO 20 should be forwarded for ready reference.

2. A redirection action is attached to the British Army GPO to meet the requirements of the GPO. In order that it may function to the best advantage to all concerned, compliance with the GPO and with the following points not specifically covered therein is essential:-

(a) The nominal rolls and, where appropriate, the unit representative, should be despatched in time to reach the British Army GPO "Military" at least two clear days before the date of disbandment. Unless this is done continuity of postal services cannot be provided. If the future addresses are not all known when the nominal rolls are despatched, supplementary details can be sent later by post. The Postal Address Redirection Card, GPO 20, should not be used for this purpose.

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(c) It will be seen that the GPO requires the Post Orderly to be attached to 15 Base GPO for a period not exceeding six weeks. The selection for this duty of an individual with long then six weeks to serve within the Command will provide speedily and accurate redirection of the unit mail. You are requested, therefore, to ensure that the representative despatched to 15 Base GPO is not O.A. for Python or B.L. within six weeks and is not under consideration for commensurate posting etc.

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3. Should the major portion of your unit be re-posted to another unit in the Command, you may consider it more desirable to have all mail for your present unit sent there. In that event this Directorate should be informed without delay of the unit to which your mail should be delivered and from what date. Despite nominal rolls should be made available to the new unit in order that any redirection necessary may be carried out.

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4. Will you please complete Section 11 or 12 of the attached draft letter immediately the date of completion of disbandment is known and return it to this Directorate.

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Thwaites

(J.C. THWAITES)

Lt. Col. R.E.

A.D. ...

Copy of G.R.O. 683/43 issued 17 Dec 1943,
as amended by G.R.O. 1312/45 issued 7 Dec 1945,
and G.R.O. 505/46 issued 23 Aug 1946.

DISBANDED UNITS - DISPOSAL OF CORRESPONDENCE.

1. On receipt of instructions regarding the disbandment of any unit, the O.C. will notify the British Postal Directorate, GHQ, and the Army Post Office from which mail is collected of the latest date up to which correspondence for the unit can be accepted for delivery and the new location if any alteration in the existing arrangements is required. Thereafter, correspondence will be dealt with as follows.
2. Official Correspondence, i.e., addressed impersonally to the unit (e.g., "O.C., (Quartermaster)") will be redirected to the HQ of the District or Sub-District supervising the disbandment, who will be responsible for opening correspondence and taking the following action:--
 - (i) Dealing with all questions of their concern, e.g., accommodation, billeting, compensation, etc.
 - (ii) Referring personnel questions relating to Officers which cannot be dealt with under (i) above to Head of Service or Arm concerned at GHQ.
 - (iii) Referring personnel questions relating to GRs to DAC GHQ and Battalion.
 - (iv) Referring pay questions relating to GRs to the Command Paymaster.
 - (v) For any subject which cannot be classified under (i) to (iv) above, forwarding the letter to the appropriate Branch or Service at GHQ.
3. Private correspondence, i.e., addressed to individual Officers or GRs. O.C. Unit will furnish OC 15 Base APC with complete nominal rolls in duplicate of Officers and GRs (number, rank, name and arm of service) indicating the formation or unit to which each Officer or GR will be posted or attached on completion of disbandment. Private correspondence will be redirected accordingly. Units of a minimum strength of 50 on disbandment will despatch the Unit Post Orderly to 15 Base Army Post Office. He will be attached to the Base APC for a period not exceeding six weeks for the purpose of redirecting mail received for the Unit.
4. All ranks will be instructed to notify their new address to correspondents as quickly as possible to avoid delay to correspondence. Cards as above are submitted for this purpose and must be submitted to Base recently formed units.

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Subject: Disbanded Unit - 127X

TO: ADRG,

Postal Directorate (Locations Branch)
c/o A.P.C. 3,455,
C.P.R.

Ref your letter 1/15/79 concerning disbandment of

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1. It is desired that redirection of private mail for the above mentioned unit should be undertaken at 15 June 1980 in accordance with para 2 of your letter.

2(a) The final date of collection of mail from APO..... will be.....

(b) Nominal rolls ~~will be~~ ^{disbanded} to 15 June 1980 ~~at~~ ^{have been}.....

(c) ~~is~~ this unit is ~~under~~ ^{over} 50 in strength a unit representative ~~will not be~~ ^{will} be disbanded to 15 June 1980 ~~valued on~~.....

(No. Rank Name. ^{2/3 op}) (if applicable)

1. It is desired that official and private mail for the above mentioned unit should be circulated to..... with effect from.....

2. It is confirmed that nominal rolls ~~have been made~~ ^{will be} available to the new unit.

6 THIS INFORMATION SUPPLY ~~is~~ ^{is} WITH INFORMATION CHIEF

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6 IN THIS SECTION IS REPRODUCED INFORMATION TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-111111)

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6-24-1975
SUNNY
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CLOUDY
RAIN

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(b) Working rolls # will be dispatched to 15 June 1961
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(c) Is this unit in / under 50 in strength & unit
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4. It is desired that official and private mail for the above mentioned units should be circulated to.....

2. It is confirmed that nominal radio # have been made will be available to the new unit.

RECEIVED BY THE DIRECTOR, FBI, 11/1/68

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O.C.

SUBJECT: Loss of Mail.

Officer i/c
APO
Malta.

11 British Liaison Unit.

Tel: 15555 Palermo.

Ref: CR/6 A

1. Prior to September of this year, I was attached to the 2nd Bn The Mons Regt in northern Italy, then this unit was disbanded. During the month a whole batch of letters were sent to me quoting that address, but this mail has never been delivered.

2. In the meanwhile I have been posted to my present address several letters have been delayed.

3. Recently I have received via your APO several of these letters and small parcels, possibly more have now arrived.

The address used are as follows:

(a) (See 1 above) Major E.R. DAVIES MC 169397
The R W Fusiliers
Att 2nd Bn The Mons Regt.
CMF.

(b) Major E.R. DAVIES MC 169397
The R W Fusiliers
Att 11 B.L.U. (MMIA)
Palermo
Sicily
CMF.

Possibly (b) may have caused some confusion, but should any of this mail be recovered could they be sent to the address stated below:-

Major E.R. DAVIES MC 169397
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Att 11 B.L.U.
RQ M.M.I.A.

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The R W Fusiliers
Att 11 B.L.U.
HQ M.M.I.A.
AFO S/551
CMP.

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23 Dec 45
ERS/DR
CMP.

(E.R. DAVIES)
Major.
The Royal Welch Fusiliers

ARMY FORM C 2135 (Large)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No. 61011

Transmission Instructions

Priority

11

British Liaison Unit, Palermo

ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.

Confirmation

Office Date Stamp

FROM (A)

RAF (URAT) CATANIA

Date-Time of Origin

IP 121555A

For Action

GRAF REGIONAL POSTAL N3 HLF
INRAF POSTAL W9 MALTA

TO

NTPC ROME - RPO NAPLES - RPO MALTA

(M) For Information (INFO)

RING MALTA - H BLY POLERMO
BRITISH CONSULATE POLERMO
BOOC AUGUSTA CO. File

Message Instructions

GR

Originator's No.

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DEC 12 UNCLASSIFIED

RPO 5 SP2 (R) 5592 LOCATED CATANIA CLIMED

DEC 9 (R) NINE O MAIL ADDRESSED TO

RAF UNIT CATANIA AND RAF STATION

CATANIA CONTINUE TO FORWARD O YOU WILL

BE ADVISED BY SIGNAL ON FINAL DISCUSSION

OF UNIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RPO MALTA

SIGNAL ON 29 DATED DEC AND O POLERMO

BOOC AUGUSTA TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE

ORGANIZATIONAL

if found

Palermo

File

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BRITISH CONSULATE PRESENTED
E O A C AUGUSTA CC 7/12

Originator's No

O 31 DEC 12 UNCLASSIFIED
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DEC 9 (P) NINE O MAIL ADDRESSED TO
RAF UNIT CATANIA AND REC STATION
CATANIA CONTINUE TO FORWARD O YOU WILL
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OF UNIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RMT MATHA
SIGNAL ON 24 DATED DEC 24 O PALERMO IN
BOAC AUGUSTA TO HOME ALTERNATIVE
ARRANGEMENTS O

-f-hored *

Palermo

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This message may be sent
AS WRITTEN by any means
except

WIRELESS
J. A. [Signature]
5/10

Signed

Signed

If liable to be intercepted or to fall
into enemy hands this message must
be sent IN CIPHER

Originator's Instructions
Degree of Priority

Routine

Time	Signal	Sp
Time of TOX		
Time Cleared		

SUBJECT: Loss of Mail.

Officer i/c
APO Naples / *Amelia*
CMT.

HQ
AMIA., APO 8/551.

11 British Liaison Unit.

Tel: 15555 Palermo.

Ref: CP/6 A

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Att 1: B.L.U. (AMIA)
Palermo
Sicily
CMT.

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15 Dec 46

ERD/CH.
CWP.

(E.R. DAVIES)
Major.
The Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

To: No. II B.L.U. PALERMO.
Date: 12th December, 1946.
From: British Consulate, PALERMO.

The following message was received by telephone
from Catania at 1630hrs to-day:-

"FROM: R.A.F. UNIT CATANIA
"TO: BRITISH CONSULATE, PALERMO
repeat to II B.L.U. PALERMO.

"03112 UNCLASSIFIED
"A.P.O. S.592 REPEAT S.592 LOCATED AT CATANIA CLOSED
"DECEMBER 9 REPEAT 9 STOP MAIL ADDRESSED TO R.A.F.
"UNIT CATANIA AND R.A.F. STATION CATANIA CONTINUE TO
"FORWARD STOP YOU WILL BE ADVISED BY SIGNAL ON FINAL
DISBANDMENT OF UNIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AIR HEADQUARTERS
MALTA SIGNAL OM 29 DATED DECEMBER 2ND STOP PALERMO
"AND BOAC AUGUSTA TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS STOP"

[Signature]
A/ British Consul.

1450

Telephone
Rome, 48908; Ext 40;

LAND FORCES SUB COM, AC (MMIA) CMP

G/91

19 Nov 46

11 British Liaison Unit

SUBJECT: Communications.

Ref your CP/6 of 21 Oct. - A new system is being tried as
laid out in this HQ letter X 500/1/1 of 15 Nov 1946.

RNC/ma

J. D. D. D. D.
Brigadier,
General Staff, MMIA.

for

Internal: Sigs.

1449

Subject: Mail Bags - Christmas 1946.

HQ Western Area
Auto 10005
Q 549

To: 1st Lt. B.

18 Nov 46

1. The situation as far as mail bags are concerned in this Area is acute, and to ensure that the Christmas mail does not suffer delay owing to shortage of mail bags, all units will return to the nearest A.P.O. all mail bags in their possession.
2. Many units are using Post Office mail bags for drawing of rations, storage and other improper uses; O.S.C. units will ensure that this practice ceases forthwith.

In the Field,
B.

L. L. L.
Initial.
A. B. Q. R.

1148

Subject :- Move of British Army Post
Office Naples.

IMMEDIATE.

12 Naples Area
Auto 15686
Q 519

To :- 1st 'D'.

15 Nov 46

1. British Army Post Office Naples (APO S 592) closed at 38 Corso Novaro on Saturday 16 Nov and reopens at 'X' Special Reception Camp (LA2412) at 0830 hours on Sunday 17 Nov 46.
2. Units are advised that they will not be admitted to the camp unless they have in their possession the Unit Post Order-Lias authority for collection of Army Mails.
3. The telephone Number of the British Army Post Office will be , v.o.f. 17 November 46

Naples 20861 }
20194 }
20265 }
52760 }

Extension 2

In the Field.

Information
At 8:30.
1447

Subject: Mail.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO
CP/6

To : Land Forces Sub Comm.A.G.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

12 Nov.46.

9441
Please find enclosed your BD/109/3 of 4 Nov.46 sent to this
H.Q. in error.

WDB/SI
O.M.F.

WDB
W.D. BANKS,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.C.

(434)

Subject: Registered Parcels.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO

CP/6

TO : A.P.O. Naples.

Nov. 46.

In the latter half of Sep. this year two registered packets were despatched from this unit via, it is believed, A.P.O. Naples.

Owing to the lack of postal facilities in Palermo, Sicily, where this unit is stationed, no receipts were received.

May I please be informed if the two packets were indeed passed through your office and if so, what steps can be taken to trace them as they have not been received in England.

The addresses were as follows:-

MRS. W.D. BANKS,
25 Mount Zion,
Tun. Wells,
KENT

and

MRS. R. SIMPSON
20 Forest Court
Edgware RD.,
LONDON.

Sender's name was MAJOR W.D. BANKS.

W.D.B.
W.D. BANKS,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.E.C.

c 1445

WDB/SI
C.M.P.

Subject: Official and Private Mail.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO
CR/S

To : Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

7 Nov. 45.

1. Transmission of official and private mail between Rome and Palermo still leaves much to be desired. Letters calling for urgent action frequently take 7 or 8 days to be delivered.
2. It is suggested that the following system should be adopted:-
 - a) All mail, official and private, for this B.L.U. to be delivered by H.Q., M.M.I.A., on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of each week, to Corrieri Militari Aerei, 20 Viale Regina Elena, Roma.
 - b) Package to be marked H.Q., 11 B.L.U., presso Corrieri Militari Aerei, Aeroronto, Palermo.
 - c) Correspondingly mail from this unit will be despatched to you marked "presso Corrieri Militari Aerei, Roma" to be collected by you, as you think fit. Planes arrive in Rome from Palermo on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
3. If this system is adopted, no letter should take more than 48 hours from Rome to Palermo.
4. May an opinion please be given on the above and if agreed, a starting date.

WDB/SI
C.M.F.

WDB
W.D. BANKS,
Major,
D.A.A. & J.M.O.

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- c) Correspondingly mail from this unit will be despatched to you marked "presso Corrieri Militari Aerei, Roma" to be collected by you, as you think fit. Planes arrive in Rome from Salerno on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
3. If this system is adopted, no letter should take more than 48 hours from Rome to Palermo.
4. May an opinion please be given on the above and if agreed, a starting date.

WDB/SI
C.M.F.

WDB
W.D. BANKS,
Major,
D.A.A. & C.M.F.

1.4.44

Subject: Official and Private Mail.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO
02/5

To : Land Forces Sub Comm. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

2) Oct. 45.

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2. It is suggested that the following system should be adopted:-

- a) All mail, official and private, for this B.L.U. to be delivered by H.I., M.M.I.A., on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of each week, to Corrieri Militari Aerei, 20 Viale Regina Elena, Roma.
- b) Package to be marked H.C., 11 B.L.U., presso Corrieri Militari Aerei, Aeroporto, Palermo.
- c) Correspondingly mail from this unit will be despatched to you marked "presso Corrieri Militari Aerei, Roma" to be collected by you, as you think fit. Planes arrive in Rome from Palermo on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

3. If this system is adopted, no letter should take more than 48 hours from Rome to Palermo.

4. May an opinion please be given on the above and if agreed, a starting date.

WAB/SI
C.M.P.

WAB
M.D. BARKS,
Major,
D.A.A. & C.M.G.

- a) All mail, official and private, for this B.L.U. to be delivered by N.Q., M.M.I.A., on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays of each week, to Corrieri Militari Aerei, 20 Viale Regina Elena, Roma.
- b) Package to be marked N.Q., 11 B.L.U.,presso Corrieri Militari Aerei, Aeroporto, Palermo.
- c) Correspondingly mail from this unit will be despatched to you marked "presso Corrieri Militari Aerei, Roma" to be collected by you, as you think fit. Planes arrive in Rome from Palermo on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
3. If this system is adopted, no letter should take more than 48 hours from Rome to Palermo.
4. May an opinion please be given on the above and if agreed, a starting date.

W.D.
W.D. BARKS,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

W.D./SI
O.M.F.

1443

Copy

Subject:- A.P.O. & C.C. TROOPS SICILY POST BAG.

114 D.I.D., R.A.S.C.
CATANIA - SICILY COMF.
Telephone:- 14090.
Ref:- 114/ST/2.

18 September 1946/

A.P.O. 8551 C.M.F.
A.P.O. MALTA
11 B.L.U. ✓
22 B.L.U.
246 HEST CAMP
R.A.F. STATION CATANIA
R.A.F. STATION AUGUSTA
17 R & L CAMP TAORMINA
R.N.O. TAORMINA.

In view of the pending withdrawal of this unit from Sicily, the local "A.P.O." is now situated at 246 HEST CAMP CATANIA, CATANIA and C.C. 246 HEST CAMP will now be in charge of the C.C. Troops Sicily Post Bag and A.P.O. transactions.

1442
Capt., R.A.S.C.,
C.C., 114 D.I.D., R.A.S.C.
(D.R. KERIDGE).

Subject:- A.F.O.

ALL UNITS

114 D.I.D., RASC
Catania - 33022
Telephone:- 11093

9 Aug 46

Wef 10 Aug 46 the AFO location will be 114 DID RASC Office
CATANIA Rly Station.

Hours of business :-

Monday - Friday

0830 - 1230 1600 - 1700

Saturday - Sunday

0830 - 1230

DEX/CS.

Capt. R.A.S.C.
OO 114 D.I.D., R.A.S.C.
(D.E. KERRIDGE).

1441

H. B. L. J.
Palermo

785020

Subject: Signals - despatch

11 British Liaison Unit

Ref. 16372 PALERMO
GP/SA

3SA

To : 11 Military Terr. H.Q.
PALERMO.

21 July 46.

Further to this office letter GP/5 dated 5 July 46.

1. This unit is at present without any signal service and the only means of despatching urgent correspondence to H.Q. on the mainland is by telephone.
2. Could arrangements be made for this unit's signals to be sent through the 11 Mil. Terr. Command signal service.
3. Assuming this is possible would you please forward to this H.Q. all relevant signal instructions (explaining degrees of priority etc.) and existing signal forms.

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H.A. SHERRIN,
Major,
D.A.A. & C.B.S.

SEB/SI
C.M.F.

Copy to: R.M.I.A.

10 B.L.U. (suggest you can send signals to us through 10 Mil. Terr. H.Q. and vice-versa).

1440

Subject: Unit Mail.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO
CP/5

36A

To : Land Forces Sub-Comm. 2.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

(7 July 46.

Ref. your X 500/1/1 dated 28 June 46.

33A

1. The system of despatching mail to this unit through the Ministry of War has proved very satisfactory.
2. Frequent irregularities have occurred however, whereby a considerable amount of mail has been received direct from the civil Italian Post Office, whereas all official mail for 11 Territorial Cosens is despatched by air carrier. The remainder of the unit mail has arrived by the latter service and is actually collected by the unit D/A from Terr. H.Q.
3. It is suggested that this irregularity be investigated, and an assurance made that mail is despatched either through civil post or by the EDME-PALERMO Italian carrier.
4. Attached is an envelope of the kind that has been delivered directly to this H.Q. by civil postman.
5. In your letter under reference you made no allusion to the suggestion made in para 2 (b) of this office letter CP/5-12A, dated 18 June 46 which asked the possibility of establishing signal communications through the Italian civil telegraph service. It is thought that this might also be done through the Italian Army. Would you please inform this H.Q. if this is in fact possible.

S.E. SHAMUN,
Major,
D.A.A. & C.M.G.

2. The investigation have occurred. However, thereby a considerable amount of mail has been received direct from the civil Italian Post Office, whereas all official mail for 11 Territorial Command is despatched by air courier. The remainder of the unit mail has arrived by the latter service and is actually collected by the unit D/R from Terr. H.Q.
3. It is suggested that this irregularity be investigated, and an assurance made that mail is despatched either through civil post or by the COMPT-PALERMO Italian Courier.
4. Attached is an envelope of the kind that has been delivered directly to this H.Q. by civil postman.
5. In your letter under reference you made no allusion to the suggestion made in para 2 (b) of this office letter of 6-12-44 dated 16. June 46 which asked the possibility of establishing signal communications through the Italian civil telegraph service. It is thought that this might also be done through the Italian Army. Would you please inform this H.Q. if this is in fact possible.

S. V. SHERWIN,
Major,
D.A.A. & C.M.G.

836/SI
C.M.G.

1439

Subject: Postal Service.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO
GF/6

To : 11 Military Terr. H.Q.
PALERMO.

5 July 45.

1. M.M.I.A. have now arranged to forward mail for this unit through the Ministry of War, who will despatch it to your H.Q. for collection by despatch service of this unit.

Outgoing mail of this unit will thus be despatched through the same channels, for forwarding by you to the Ministry of War who will deliver it to M.M.I.A. ROMA.

2. Our despatch rider will make one detail daily to your despatch office for delivery and collection of mail.

3. Outgoing letters will be addressed thus:-

Land Forces Sub-Commission, A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
Presso Ministero della Guerra
ROMA.

4. Please inform us if anything relating to this arrangement is unsatisfactory.

G.B. CHAMBERLAIN,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.C.

SES/SI
C.M.F.

1438

as JHCT:Mail for Palermo.

CP/6 (3A)

Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.

(M.M.I.A.)

X 300/1/1

28 June 46.

To: -11 B.L.U. (Your CP/6 of 18 June 46 refers)

List A.

1. All mail from this HQ for 11 B.L.U. will, in future, be forwarded to PALERMO through the Ministry of War who will dispatch it with their own mail to the Territorial Command HQ in PALERMO.
2. The method of conveyance between ROME and PALERMO is civilian post and the estimated time of transit is five days.
3. 11 B.L.U. will please arrange collection of mail from the Territorial Command HQ and will render a report upon the efficiency of this method of mail clearance by 12 July 46.

D.R. Skinner
D.R.SKINNER, Major,
S.O.R.Signals,
M.M.I.A.

1437

Subject: Unit Mail.

11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 18372 PALERMO
CP/6

To : Land Forces Sub Com., A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.
(Sica)

12 June 46.

1. The present system of using the A/C Plane Courier Service between ROME and PALERMO for the delivery and despatch of the official and personal mail of the unit is extremely UNSATISFACTORY.

During the election period the unit received practically no mail, and even before this time the infrequency of the plane service would often result in the unit receiving only ONE mail delivery during the week.

We have now been informed that there will be no A/C planes flying from ROME to PALERMO this week, and so it is impossible to either receive or despatch mail during this period.

2. In view of the fact that the efficiency of the unit is greatly jeopardised by the continual breaking down of its mail service, the following alternative system of mail service is suggested,

a) That all mail, both 'official' and 'personal', be despatched to and from the unit in a sealed envelope through the Italian Civil Post Office via M.M.I.A.

This would produce a regular service of at least a twice weekly delivery.

It is realised that the unit and M.M.I.A. would have to adapt a civilian address for this purpose.

e.g. (i) 11 British Liaison Unit
VILLA RUTELLI
PALERMO
SICILY.

(ii) Land Forces Sub-Commission A/C M.M.I.A.
ROME.

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e.g. (1)

11 British Liaison Unit
VILLA RUTELLI
PALERMO
SICILY.

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(11) Land Forces Sub-Commission A/C M.M.I.A.
ROME.

(111) Official A.P.O. address

11 British Liaison Unit
c/o Land Forces Sub-Commission A/C
M.M.I.A.
C.M.P.

b) The unit is now without any form of Army Signals other than the expedient of sending signals over the telephone through NAPLES.

It is suggested that again the Italian Civil Post Office be used for this purpose, whereby telegrams can be despatched and received within a few hours.

The A/C office in PALERMO used this system and it worked admirably.

3. Would you please investigate the above suggestion and inform this H.Q. of the decision arrived at.

In the event of it being found unpracticable, may steps be taken to better the existing mail service.

As an indication of the long delays experienced at present, it is suggested that the date of this letter be compared with the date of its receipt.

P)
S.E. SHEETUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

SRS/SI
C.M.F.

1435

Subject: Mail delay

31A
11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 11393 PALERMO
CP/6

To : British Postal Directorate
c/o 15 Base A.P.O.
C.E.F.

21 April 46.

30A
Reference your P/742 dated 8.Apr.46.

1. The arrival of letter mail in the unit is now satisfactory. This appears to have been rectified by the adoption of the new address as recommended in para 6 of your P/159 dated 11.Mar.46.
2. It is quite certain however that a number of parcels posted in England as early as January have not arrived.
3. The interest and attention that you have devoted to this matter, is very much appreciated.

SES/SI
C.E.F.

W.
S.M. SHREVE,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

1434

DCP/6 (30A)
BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE,
C/O 15 BASE A.P.O.,
C.M.F.

Subject :- Mails - Delay - General.

P/742

To :- OC 11 British Liaison Unit to
Italian Territorial HQ, CMF.

8 Apr '46.

27A
Reference your PAI/CP/6 dated 27th March 1946.

It is confirmed, that there is no mail for your
unit lying undelivered in the British A.P.O.

Perhaps you will say whether the
position is now satisfactory please.

G.A. James
(G.A. JAMES)
Capt. R.N.
for A.B.A.P.S.

1433

APR 17 1946

Subject : Mail

To : Officer Commanding
134 A.M.E.S
C.M.F.

29 April
11 British Liaison Unit

Tel. 10673 PALERMO
GP/6
9.Apr.46.

Confirming telephone conversation of today, 8.Apr.46.
Herewith copy of letter received from British Troops Sicily.

SBS/MV
C.M.F.

ASV
S.E. SHERZUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & Q.M.G.

1432

Subject:- Mail

Ref. A/13
Tel. Catania 14016

5 Apr 46

11 B.L.U.

Outward mails will now leave Catania on Mondays and Thursdays at 1400 hrs. Couriers will leave Palermo at 0750 hrs both (A) both days. Official mail should be in a separate bag. Please inform AMES by phone.

JER/CS

Sidney Smith
Capt RA,
Garrison Adjutant,
British Troops Sicily.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

27A

17 March 46.

Subject: Mail non-receipt
File : PAL/CP/6
To : British Postal Directorate
c/o 13 Base A.P.O.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.G.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME

1. It is still thought that a considerable quantity of mail, especially parcels, intended for this unit, have somehow become misdirected, and possibly uncollected in A.P.O. (M) and subsequently not received by personnel of the unit.
2. It would be very much appreciated if a further check were made by both addressees regarding this matter.

W
S.E. SMITHSON,
Major,
I.A.A. & C.M.C.

SBS/WI
C.E.F.

1430

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

26 APR
25 March 1946.

Ref ; PAL/CP/6

Subject ; Mail.

To ; Officer Commanding,
134 A.M.B.S.

25A
Further to your 134AMES/55/SIGS dated 20 March 46.
The arrangements made for the disposal and collection
of your mail are clearly understood, and should prove
satisfactory.

MSH
R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

RTH/RR

1429

From: 134 A.M.T.C. R.A.P. C.M.P.

To: 134 R.L.U. (Copy to C.C. British Troops, Sicily).

Date: 20th. March 1944.

Ref: 134/MB/100/100.

25A

Mail Arrangements.

In confirmation of telephone conversation between Major Hector and R/O. Parnon, 10th. March, will you please arrange with C.C. Troops, Catania that with effect from Thursday 20th. March 1944, the courier service between Palermo and Catania will operate as follows in order to reduce delay on this unit's outgoing Mail.

<u>Palermo.</u>	<u>Catania.</u>
Dep.	Arr.
Thursday 1530	1945 (return of D.L.D. Special Bisetti)
Monday 0745	1950

Outgoing mail will be delivered in sealed bags to your office for transfer to the courier on Thursdays before 1250Hrs. and on Saturdays before 1800Hrs.

<u>Catania.</u>	<u>Palermo.</u>
Dep.	Arr.
Wednesday 1340	1810
Saturday 1340	1810.

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Incoming mail will be collected from the courier at your Office on Thursdays before 1030hrs. and on Saturdays as early as possible after arrival of courier.

Your confirmation that these arrangements will be satisfactory, would be appreciated.

L. D. Pearson

(L. D. Pearson)
Private Officer Commanding,
1st A.V.T.B. B.A.F.C.H.F.

Subject:- Mails

Ref. A/13
Tel. Catania 14016

14 Mar 46

OC 11 BLU
OC 134 AMES
British Consul Palermo
British Institute, Palermo
DADAPS 3 District (for information)

W.e.f. to-day all mail to the above four addressees should be addressed "c/o HQ British Troops, Sicily C.M.F."

Owing to the bad timing of trains the mail courier will travel twice weekly each way only.

Palermo - Catania

Mondays and Thursdays

Catania - Palermo

Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The courier when at Palermo will be based on 11 BLU.

Outward mail should be in the couriers hands by 2200 hrs the proceeding night, i.e. Sundays and Wednesdays. This is subject to such modifications as OC 11 BLU may wish to make in view of local conditions.

In the Field
HFK/CS

1427
Major,
The Royal Norfolk Regt.,
Officer Commanding,
British Troops Sicily.

Subject:- Mail Trapani

Ref. A/13
Tel. Catania 14016

11 Mar 46

~~D.A.D.A.P.S.~~
~~3 District~~

Confirming telephone conversation, mail for 134 AMES and 11 BLU will be forwarded to Catania in OC Troops bag, and will be carried by courier detailed by me. This mail will be available for collection by 134 AMES from my courier at 11 BLU to whom they will hand outward mail. As previously explained, one Diesel car is based on Palermo which necessitates my courier being stationed there also.

I cannot agree with O.C. AMES that mail should at any time be entrusted to Italian ration guards.

In the Field
BPK/CG

[Signature]
Major,
The Royal Norfolk Regt.,
Officer Commanding,
British Troops Sicily.

Copy to:- 134 AMES, RAF.
11 BLU. ✓

1426

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

14 Mar. 46.

Ref : PAL/GP/6
Subject : Mails - Locations
To : British Postal Directorate,
c/o 15 Base A.P.O.,
C.M.F.

Ref. your P/159 dated 11 March 46.

It is confirmed that we wish all Mail for this Unit to be directed through H.Q., M.M.I.A. at Rome.

Instructions have now been given to all Ranks in accordance with your para. 6.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter.

R. E. Hector
R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

Copy M.M.I.A.

REH/mv

1425

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

14th Mar. 46.

Ref : PAL/CP/6
Subject : Mail
To : Land Forces Sub-Com A.C.
(M.M.I.A.) ROME

Further to this office letter PAL/CP/6 dated 19. Feb. 46.

Will you please arrange to collect all mail addressed to
this Unit from the A.P.O., Rome and forward by A.C. Air Courier Plane.

R.E. HECTOR
R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

REH/mv

Copy to :- British Postal Directorate,
c/o 15 Base A.P.O.,
C.M.F.

1424

BRITISH POSTAL DIRECTORATE,
c/o 15 BASE A.P.O.,
C.M.F.

P/159.

11 Mar 46.

Subject:- Mails - Location.

To:- CC 11 British Liaison Unit to Italian
Territorial HQ, CMF.

1. Prior to 20 Feb 46 correspondence for your Unit coming to hand in the British Army Postal Service was circulated from 15 Base APC at Naples to the CC British Troops Sicily (Catania) whose responsibility it was to dispose of the correspondence to Palermo. No complaint was received at this Directorate from either your Unit or the CC Troops Sicily of the lack of or delay to mail circulated by this means.

2. It is understood from a telephone conversation which you had with the CC 15 Base APC that you wished your mail to circulate to the APC at Rome from which office it was to be collected under arrangements made by you with a Unit located in Rome. This Directorate acceded to your request and the revised circulation was effected on 20 Feb 46.

3. Telephone contact was made with the CC British Troops Sicily on 9 March and he informed this Directorate that you now wish to revert to the original arrangement whereby your mail circulates in the daily despatch from 15 Base APC to the CC Troops Sicily.

4. A report has now been received from the IMAPS HQ 3 District (which includes Rome) that mail is being received regularly at the APC at Rome but no arrangements appear to have been made for its collection. There were approximately 25 letters on hand on 9 Mar 46. It is thought that your request for reversion to the original circulation, as arranged by this Directorate, is the result of the non-receipt of mail since 9 Feb 46, which, apparently, was due to the failure of the arrangements made by you at Rome.

5. I am anxious that you should receive your mail regularly with the least possible delay and, whilst I am prepared to issue the necessary instructions to revise the circulation of your mail, it will no doubt be appreciated that frequent changes in routing will give rise to confusion at the sorting stage at 15 Base APC and will result in inevitable delay in delivery of your mail. I have arranged for HQ MELA at Rome to be contacted and for the mail now on hand for you at the Rome APC to be handed to them for onward disposal in accordance with your arrangements with them. In view of this you may wish to reconsider your proposal but if you still wish to have your mail via the CC Troops Sicily perhaps you will be good enough to confirm it in writing, please.

6. With reference to para 4 above the enclosed letter addressed to Dvr. Rainbow has been forwarded by the IMAPS HQ 3 District. The address shown on the cover includes the words "Palermo, Sicily", and it is understood that the majority of the correspondence on hand at the APC Rome is similarly

2. It is understood from a telephone conversation which you had with the OC 15 Base APO that you wished your mail to circulate to the APO at Rome from which office it was to be collected under arrangements made by you with a Unit located in Rome. This Directorate acceded to your request and the revised circulation was effected on 20 Feb 46.

3. Telephone contact was made with the OC British Troops Sicily on 9 March and he informed this Directorate that you now wish to revert to the original arrangement whereby your mail circulates in the daily despatch from 15 Base APO to the OC Troops Sicily.

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6. With reference to para. 4 above the enclosed letter addressed to Mr. Rainbow has been forwarded by the DADAPS HQ 3 District. The address shown on the cover includes the words "Palermo, Sicily", and it is understood that the majority of the correspondence on hand at the APO Rome is similarly addressed. It is obvious that the use of a correct postal address is not understood by personnel of your unit and you are notified that the correct address to be used on correspondence intended to be handled by the British Army Postal Service is :-

" 11 British Liaison Unit
to Italian Territorial H.Q.,
C. M. P."

The use of geographical place names in an address (except when specially authorised by this Directorate to overcome certain technical difficulties) is liable to divert correspondence into Civil Postal channels both in the UK and in Italy and will naturally result in long delay since the Civil Post Office has not the same facilities for the conveyance of mail as the Army Postal Service has. If you have been receiving mail addressed "Palermo Sicily",

it is/.....

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it is in spite of, and not because of, the use of a Civil postal address, will you please be good enough to publish the address quoted above in your Orders and ensure that it is introduced by all concerned as early as possible. No additions should be made to this address however your mail is routed and I shall be grateful if you will advise me that the correct address has now been introduced.

W. J. James
(C.A. JAMES)Capt. RE.,
for D.D.A.P.S.

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(C.A. JAMES)
Capt. RE.,
for D.D.A.P.S.

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HC

154
2/8/54

Subject: Postal Service.

Ref: 380/35/27

Base Rpt Depot, CMF.
Tel: Benevento 1433.

To: GAO II, 11 BLU,
Palermo, Sicily.

14564747 Etc. Fortley A.

Your letter PAL/CP/6 dated 25 Feb 45, refers.

Correspondence returned by you has now been
passed to the soldier.

It is regretted that owing to an error, the
soldier was shown as posted to your unit, whereas
he was only on escort duties.

Field
4 Mar 46
JFC/AMF

R E. Spall

Condg. Base Reinforcement Depot

Lt. Col.

1421

18A

Subject:- Air Travel

Ref. A/36
Tel. Catania 14016

4 Mar 46

ALL UNITS
Branches & Services (List "B")

Plane arrives at Catania
from Naples 0815 hrs

Departs Catania for
Naples 1315 hrs.

on Tues, Thurs and Sat.

Official Mail for Malta closes at this HQ 0800 hrs.

Private and official mail for Naples closes at this HQ
12.00 hrs.

In the Field
JER/CS

Handwritten signature
1420
E Capt RA,
Garrison Adjutant,
British Troops Sicily.

SUBJECT:- Mail

Ref. A/13
Tel. Catania 14016

12 Feb 46

British Postal Directorate
Naples

We are in receipt of TPM 0214 of Feb 9th from ANQ Malta and have to advise you that this HQ can only provide a courier to take mail to Palermo once a week on the special DIB diesel car. I wish to point out that a British OM does not normally travel on the diesel and we might, in the future be unable to provide a courier owing to reduction in personnel. We suggest that the units in Palermo cooperate and send a courier to Catania to collect their mail, as it is inadvisable to entrust mail, especially official mail to the Italian watchman who normally travels with the rations.

In the Field
RPK/CS
Major R. Norfolk Regt.,
Officer Commanding,
British Troops Sicily.Copy to:- 134 AMES
11 RM

1419

SUBJECT:- Despatch to U.K. of Private Packages per M.

Ref. 116Q/188
Tel. Catania 14016

21 Feb 46

ALL UNITS
Branches & Services (List "B")

Following TPI of 20 Feb 46 received from 3 District.

"QG 5155 (.) UNCLASSIFIED (.) Following GHQ CMF Signal C 24078 of 191915 rptd (.) Quote (.) Subject is despatch to UK of private packages per MFO (.) War Office authority has now been received giving permission for personnel who are under orders to proceed to UK to ~~in~~clud private packages containing dutiable articles (.) Their unaccompanied baggage per MFO provided that such articles are duly declared on customs forms 2B and also provided that the total weight of baggage despatched through MFO does not exceed authorised baggage entitlement less their accompanied baggage."

In the Field
JER/CS

1418
Capt RA,
Garrison Adjutant,
British Troops Sicily.

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FICE

Army Form A. 2042c.
G.A.F. Form No. 1930.

FIELD SERVICE

Postal Address Re-Direction Card

To PO - W. Hicklin - RASC
11 BLD - MMIA
Sicily
CNE

Any change in address should be reported to the nearest post office.

285020

T47-345.

9-FEB-46

Date as postmark

My address until further notice will be :-

Number (if any) and Rank PTE. 14564747

Name in BLOCK letters WORTLEY

Squadron, Battery, Company or R.A.F. Unit E Coy

Battalion, Regiment, etc. or R.A.F. Formation BUFFS REGT

FORCE, APO No. or Place Name B.R.D. BENVENTO

Signature

A. W. Jones

INSTRUCTIONS.—Use this card to notify a change in your address. Fill in the particulars above and send it to (A) your relatives and friends and (B) to your U.C. Unit to enable them to redirect your correspondence.

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

25 Feb. 46.

Subject : Mail - Personnel at B.R.D.
Ref : PAL/CP/G.
To : Commandant.
Base Reinforcement Depot
C.M.F.

14364747 Pte. WORTLEY. A.

The attached mail for the a/n O.R. is returned, as this O.R. was re-posted to B.R.D. on 10 Jan. 46.

It is requested that the necessary enquiries are made as to this O.R.'s present whereabouts, in order to ensure that his mail duly reaches him.

Will you please inform the Base Army Post Office accordingly.

R.H.
R.H. HECTOR,
Major, G.S.O. II.

REH/gc.

Copy to : H.Q. 3 District.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

Feb. 46.

Subject: Postal

File : PAL/CP/6

To : 134 A.M.E.S.,
R.A.P.,
C.M.P.

Ref. your 134APBS/55/Sigs dated 22.Feb.46.

1. Arrangements have now been made with B.A.P.O. Naples whereby all mail for this unit will be passed through M.M.I.A. and delivered by A.C. Courier. This should obviate any further possibility of mail intended for this unit being sent in your mail bag.
2. B.A.P.O. have also informed us that your mail bag will be addressed to O/C R.A.P. Palermo and there will be no question of this mail bag being opened by this unit prior to its arrival at 134 A.M.E.S.
3. It is hoped that by means of these two expedients there will be no further confusion concerning mail delivery to this unit and 134 A.M.E.S.
4. Major Hector will be at this H.Q. (PALERMO) on Wed. in the event of your O/C desiring to discuss this subject further with him.
However in view of the new arrangements mentioned above it is unlikely that any further discussion is necessary.

S.E. SHYRON,
Major,
D.A.A. & C.M.G.

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SRS/SI
C.M.F.

S.E. SPENCER,

Major,

D.A.A. & C.M.G.

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From: 1st Lt. S.S.R. J. J. C. V. C.

To: 11 P.M.U., Palermo

Copy to: 1st Lt. S.S.R. J. J. C. V. C.

" 1st Lt. S.S.R. J. J. C. V. C.

Date: 12th February 1944.

Re: 1st Lt. S.S.R. J. J. C. V. C.

Postal arrangements.

With reference to your letters PAL/OP/8 and PAL/OP/9 dated 9th and 10th February respectively, (both received yesterday evening),

it is desired to bring to your attention the fact that all the postal arrangements you mention were made by the British Postal Directorate.

411
Naples.

It is appreciated that arrangements for organisation of mail services are the responsibility of the Army Postal authorities and the only action taken by the G.O. of this unit was to attempt to bring into operation the scheme laid down by the G.O. 28 Base Signals Section, Catania (letter Sigs/102 of 28th. Jan. 1944.) whereby mail for Palermo and district was supposed to be diverted to the U.S. Air Service between Venice and Palermo. Until this action had been taken, there had been a complete breakdown of the mail service to this Unit for a period of over three weeks.

Never has at any time has the G.O. of this Unit asked for an arrangement whereby mail for 154 A.M.E.S. should be addressed.

"O.C. British Troops, Palermo", being fully aware of the presence of a senior British Officer in that city.

A personal letter was written to you on the day following receipt of the details of the scheme, seeking your advice regarding its alteration and forwarding for your perusal a batch of letters from the British Postal Directorate seeking the G.O. 28 Base Signals, to assume responsibilities of "O.C. British Troops, Palermo", for "postal purposes", and setting out in

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Maples.

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Never has at any time has the C.O. of this Unit asked for an arrangement whereby mail for 134 A.M.E.S. should be addressed.

"O.C. British Troops, Palermo", being fully aware of the presence of senior British Officer in that city.

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A personal letter was written to you on the day following receipt of the details of the scheme, seeking your advice regarding its alteration and forwarding for your perusal a batch of letters from the British Postal Directorate seeking the C.O. 134 AMES, to assume responsibilities of "O.C. British Troops, Palermo", for "postal purposes", and setting out in detail his responsibilities in that connection. It was also pointed out that it was stated in that same letter that only mail for 134 A.M.E.S. was being included in the "O.C. British Troops, Palermo" base.

It is noted that the ~~alternative~~^{sef} scheme, put in the second of your letters should be completely satisfactory if put into operation, but at the present time the only system which appears to be acceptable to the A.P.O., is that all mail is despatched in one covering bag addressed "O.C. British Troops, Palermo", and they, contrary to their ~~present~~^{stated} policy, are including mail for all British Units, Army, R.A.F., and Civilian. They appear unwilling to separate R.A.F. mail from that for other Units and

several signals on the subject have been ignored.

Until the adopt your revised system to it would appear to be if used for a central sorting office of some sort at this end and if in the meantime you adopt your declared policy of collecting all mail bags marked "O.C. Troops, Palermo", and of returning R.A.F. mail direct to A.P.O. 1 Naples, the mail service to and from this unit will break down completely. In this connection it might be added that in the past, mail addressed to your unit, accidentally included with this unit's mail has invariably been delivered direct to your office by first available transport and when mail was held up at Catania recently after the cessation of the courier service, the O.C. of this unit personally carried a large basket of mail for your unit, from Catania to your office, in an attempt to give assistance to you.

It is felt that a satisfactory arrangement can only be arrived at by discussion and it would be appreciated if you would inform the bearer of this message communication whether you will be available sometime on Tuesday next as the O.C. of this unit will be in Palermo en route to Catania between Monday evening and Wednesday morning.

For your information discussions are at present in progress between A.H.C. Malta and R.P.N. Naples regarding the possibility of reconstituting a courier service between Catania and Palermo for mail for this unit, in view of the possibility of the closing down of the U.S. Air Service between Naples and Palermo.

Lawrence

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For your information discussions are at present in progress between A.H.C. Melita and B.P.D. Naples regarding the possibility of reconstituting a courier service between Catania and Palermo for mail for this unit, in view of the possibility of the closing down of the U.S. Air Service between Naples and Palermo.

Spawson

(J.D. Spawson)
Flying Officer Commanding,
124 A.M.E.S. B.A.F. C.M.F.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref:PAI/G/7.

12 February 1946

Subject :- Postal Arrangements.

To :- O.C.
Base Army Post Office
Naples, C.M.F.

It is understood that O.C. 134 A.M.E.S.
R.A.P., has made an arrangement whereby all Mail for
his Unit is addressed to "O.C. British Troops Palermo".

This arrangement was originally made without
any reference what-so-ever to myself, especially as I
am, in fact, "Senior British Officer in Palermo".

I am not desirous that this Unit should take
on the responsibility of Mail for other Units, as we have
barely sufficient Staff to cope with our own every-day
duties.

It is therefore requested, that you please
have the address for Mail for 134 A.M.E.S. addressed to
O.C. R.A.P., PALERMO, and make the necessary arrangements
with the O.C. for disposal.

Any Mail addressed to O.C. British Troops
Palermo, will of course be opened by my staff and Mail
for 134 A.M.E.S. returned to B.A.P.O., for direct onward
transmission.

ASH
R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O. II.,
11 B.L.U.

REH/gp

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

20 Feb. 46.

Subject: Communications - Test packet.

File : PAL/CP/6

To : Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

Ref your X500/1/1 dated 18.Feb.46.

1. Above quoted letter sent as test packet arrived at Palermo Airfield at 1100 hrs Wed. 20.Feb. and was collected by our D/R service at 1130.
2. A/C Air Courier leaves PALERMO for ROME. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 0930.
3. This letter will be delivered to the despatch office Palermo Airfield at 0830 21.Feb.
4. This unit has been using A/C Air Courier PALERMO-ROME since it was formed in Nov.45. and in fact provides the D/R service for both A/C and the unit itself.

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S.E. SNEEZUM,
Major.
D.A.A. & S.M.G.

SES/SI
C.E.F.

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SUBJECT: Communications - British Units.

M.M.I.A.

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SIGNALS

Land Forces Sub Commission A.D.

(M.M.I.A.)

X500/1/1

16 Feb 46.

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TO: 11 HQU.

1. Reference your letter PAL/CP/6 dated 2 Feb 46.
2. This letter is being sent as a test packet via the thrice-weekly A.C. Courier Service. This letter is being passed to A.C. Despatch office today, 16 Feb 46, and should leave Rome at 0900A hrs. Monday 18 Feb 46. Please advise time of receipt of this letter in a return test packet. A.C. Air Courier is scheduled to leave Palermo at 0900A hrs Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday weekly. Will you please make the necessary local arrangements in Palermo for collection from and delivery to the A.C. Courier.
3. Reference your a/m letter the following observations are made:
 - (a) There is a British Signal Office, and a Detachment of 11 L of C Signals, located in CATANIA.
 - (b) Postal service is not a R. Signals responsibility - S.O.R.E. this HQ has investigated and has been advised by SABARS 3 District that all mail for British Units in Sicily is flown to G.C. British Troops in Sicily who arranges distribution. It is suggested that if you wish to take this matter further you contact G.C. WISE.
4. Ref para. 3(a) above, it is understood from 3 District that G.C. Det., 11 L of C Signals at Catania has investigated means of clearing Signal traffic to you and was contacting you direct to make local arrangements.

J. V. EMMAN
 J.V. EMMAN, Major,
 S.O.R. Signals,
 M.M.I.A.

Copy to: 10 (with copies of 11 HQU letter)

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Tm 161210 A

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.
Tel. 11393

19 Feb. 46.

Subject: Mail

File : PAL/CP/G

To : 15. B.A.P.O.

Land Forces Sub Com. A.C.,
(M.M.I.A.)
ROME.

Further to this office letter PAL/CP/G dated 8 Feb. 46.

1. A large proportion of both official and personal mail intended for this unit is being sent to C/O Troops (Catania) Sicily. There is now no courier service between Catania and Palermo with the result that this mail has to wait at Catania until it is collected by us (sometimes a matter of a week or more).
2. In above quoted letter it was requested that all mail for this unit should be sent to M.M.I.A. Rome for forwarding with official correspondence which is despatched from Rome to Palermo 3 times weekly by Allied Commission Air Courier.
3. It is not understood why mail is being sent to C/O Troops (Catania) in view of the fact that this address has never been mentioned by this unit.
4. It would be very much appreciated if immediate action is taken to ensure that all mail intended for this unit is sent through M.M.I.A. addressed as follows:

11 B.L.U.
Land Forces Sub Commission A.C.
(M.M.I.A.)

WJ
S. J. BUCKUM,
Major,
D.A.A. & C.M.O. 1411

SES/SI
C.M.F.

11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

8A
Feb. 46.

Subject : Mail.
Ref : PAL/CP/6.
To : O.C. 134 A.M.E.S. (R.A.F.)
TRAPANI.

I understand that you have made an arrangement with B.A.P.O. Naples to have your Mail sent c/o O.C. British Troops Palermo.

This arrangement was made entirely without my knowledge an authority. Where as I am perfectly willing to co-operate with any other British Units in this area, I would stress that as commanding Officer of this Unit I normally expect to be consulted before any arrangement is made which involves my Unit.

Further, as must be expected, any Mail which arrives addressed to O.C. British Troops Palermo will of course, be opened by my Staff.

REH
R.E. HECTOR,
Major, G.S.O. II.

REH/go.

Copy to : A.D.C., Air H.Q. MALTA.

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11 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT
Palermo, Sicily.

Ref/PAL/CP/6.

8 February 1945

Subject :- Mail.

To :- H.Q. M.M.I.A.
Rome.
(for S.O. II. R.Sigs.)

1. The problem of an efficient Mail service for this Unit is now becoming very acute, due to the following reasons:-

- a. No British Signals or Post Office in the Island.
- b. American Naval Base closing.
- c. Suspected inefficiency on part of B.A.P.O., Naples in forwarding Mail to Sicily.
- d. No Courier Service within the Island.

2. In view of the difficulties we are experiencing may the following arrangements for Mail for this Unit please be made, to come into operation immediately.

- a. Address:- 11 B.L.U. (SICILY).
c/o H.Q. M.M.I.A., ROME.
- b. All incoming and outgoing Mail to and from this Unit (including Personal-Mail) to be handled through HQ. M.M.I.A. Registry and sent to and from Sicily by A.C. courier plane.

3. Could this arrangement please be made with B.A.P.O., by S.O. II. R.Sigs. M.M.I.A.

R.E. HECTOR, Major
G.S.O.II.,
11 B.L.U.

Copy to : B.A.P.O., NAPLES.

REH/gp

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